



ED KATZ
LORD HIGH MASTER MOVER

JK Moving puts 100 staff through special office training programme

Sterling - JK Moving & Storage is feeling pretty happy these days – first, a visit by President George Bush and more recently, it has earned its seventh straight International Office Moving Institute (IOMI) recertification as Certified Office Movers.

The four-day advanced training programme was the first ever to feature a contest of office moving skills, the brainchild of JK's Kris Smurda, commercial operations manager. By all accounts, the competition was a big hit with participants. Members of the winning crews each received a \$25 gift certificate.

Teams were judged on identical moves. Instructors purposely sabotaged each one and crews were graded on how well they could identify and overcome problems. For instance, no time limit was set for the move but the estimate given was unrealistically low for the amount of work involved.

"Part of the challenge was for the supervisor to realize that he couldn't finish within the estimated time. The supervisor got 10 additional points if he contacted his Operations Manager, Kris Smurda, about the situation," said Ed Katz, IOMI instructor.

The contest took two full days. The first day crews participated in hands-on training then showed off their freshly honed skills during the contest on day two. Nearly 100 full-time movers were divided into teams of 10 and given simulated but full-fledged office moves.

Training was held at JK's new 85,000-square-foot commercial facility in Sterling, VA.



Top, Ed Katz kicks off the 100-man training session. Above, credit goes to Kris Smurda (right), Commercial Operations Manager, for the contest idea. Here he starts things off by reviewing the Scope of Services for the simulated moves.

NEW NAME IN SYRIA

Damascus - Nazha Freight Services Ltd. – Syria has a new look, a new name and a new logo.

The company's new name is Nazha & Darwish Ltd (N&D).

CROWN OPENS IN CANBERRA

Canberra - Crown Relocations has opened a new facility in Australia's capital - its eighth in the country. Managing Director of Crown Australasia is Mark Ellis.

Lacking anyone with amorous intentions, Rita has gone all green - wondered how many trees suffer when you fly? She'll tell you - just go to page 31.

